

CONSTRUCTION TOPICS

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Bridge Construction Topics

Outline:

- Construction Contract Administration
- Office of Construction & Materials
- Design Team Involvement During Construction
- Recurring Construction Issues

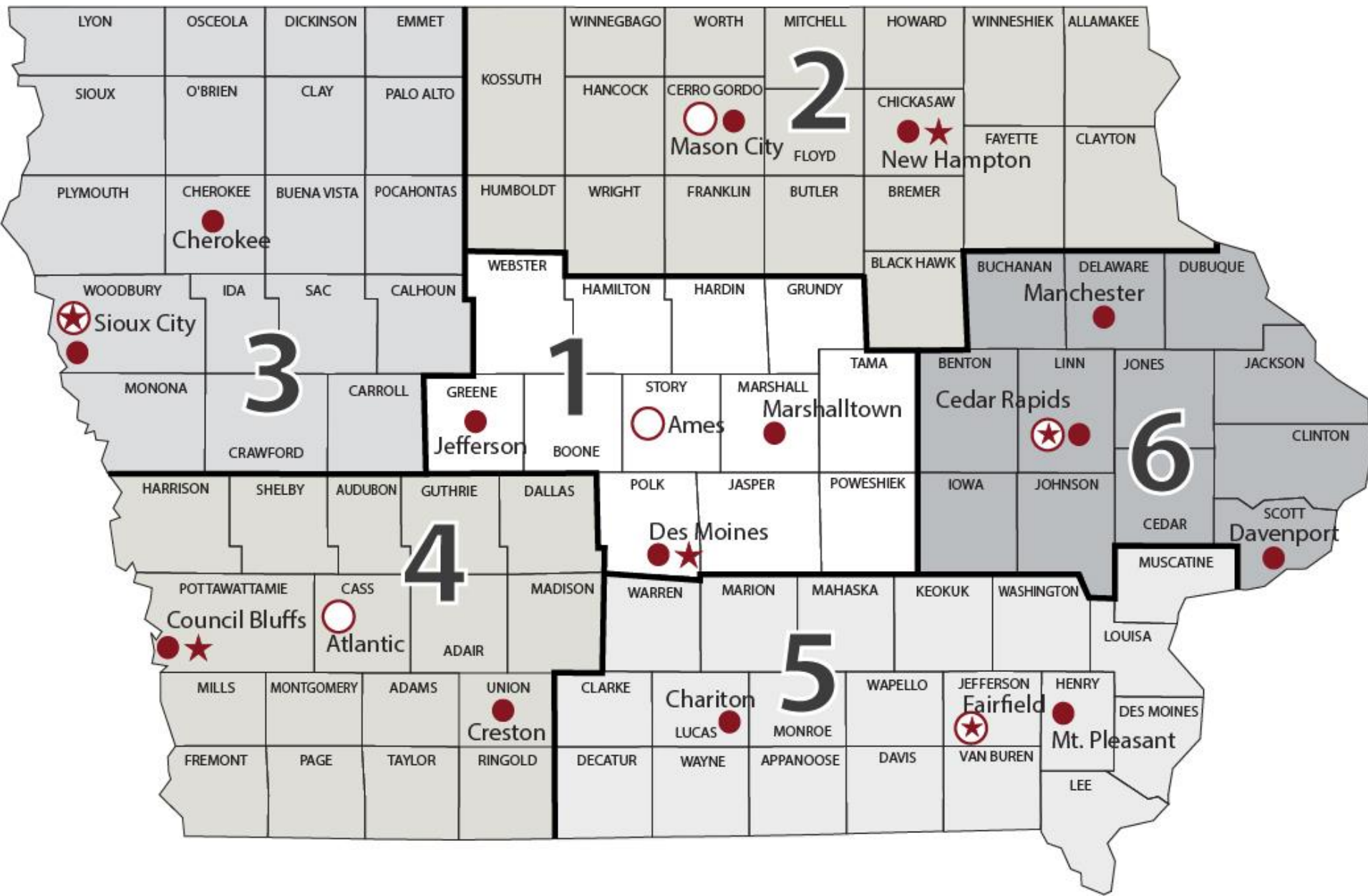
Construction Contract Administration

Project Authority:

- Construction projects are administered at the District Level.
 - **6 Districts**
 - **14 Resident Construction Offices**
 - <https://www.iowadot.gov/districts/>



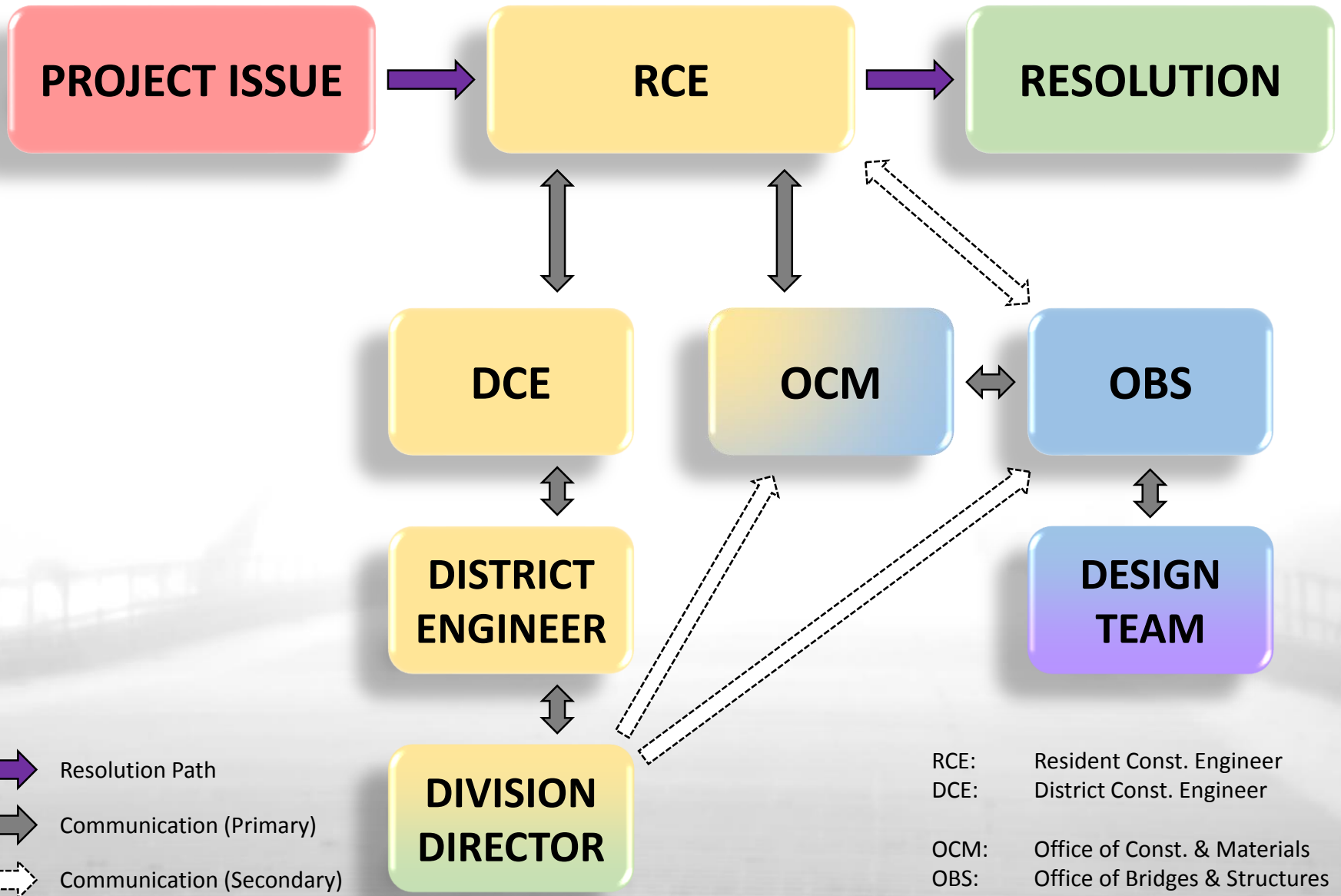
○ Iowa DOT District Office ● Resident Construction Office ★ District Operations Manager Office



Construction Contract Administration

Project Chain of Command:

- Engineer, as noted per Standard Specifications, is understood to be the Resident Construction Engineer (RCE), or one of their direct superiors.
- Project Chain of Command does not include Design Office, but RCE will consult Design Office, as necessary and as they see fit.



Office of Construction & Materials

Role of Office of Construction & Materials (OCM):

- Provides guidance and support to Field Office
 - On-call technical assistance, field examination
- Liaison between Design Office and Field Office
 - Policy Reviews
 - Design Plan Reviews
 - Constructability & Pre-Construction Meetings
 - Issue Assessment & Facilitation
- Industry Resource for:
 - Specification Interpretation
 - Construction Best Practices
 - Statewide Uniformity of Inspection, Prosecution, and Administration of Work



Office of Construction & Materials

Role of OCM, Continued:

- Maintains and/or contributes to various Iowa DOT contract documents and reference materials:
 - Standard Specifications
 - Developmental Specifications
 - Special Provisions
 - Instructional Memorandums (IM's)
 - Construction Manual
- Maintains list of approved construction fabricators, suppliers and products
 - Materials Approved Product List Enterprise (MAPLE)



Interaction Between Design & Construction

Design Office and Construction Office Collaboration:

- Extent of collaboration depends on:
 - Project administration team
 - Project complexity
 - Type and extent of construction issues
- For simple projects, Design Team involvement is usually minimal during construction.
- For complex projects, Design Team involvement may be extensive during construction.

Interaction Between Design & Construction

PRE-LETTING:

When should Design Team consult with Construction Office(s)??

- Design includes new construction materials or techniques
- Design includes single source or specialized products
- Design includes details with limited or unknown constructability

POST-LETTING:

When should Construction Office(s) consult with Design Team??

- Requests for Information (RFI's)
- Construction Submittals
- Construction Issues

Construction Submittals

Review Lead: Design Office

- Shop Drawings
- Const. Engineering Submittals
 - Falsework Plans
 - Temporary Shoring Plans
- Special Procedure Submittals (governed by plan note or SP)
 - Erection Plan
 - Demolition Plan
 - Post-Tension Plan
 - etc.

Review Lead: Construction Office

- Pile Driving Hammer Requests
- Foundation Field Logs
 - Pile Driving Logs
 - Drilled Shaft CSL Reports
- Common Procedure Submittals (governed by Std. Specification)
 - Weld Procedures
 - Drilled Shaft Installation Plan
 - Deck Grades & Pouring Plans
 - etc.

DocExpress

Overview of DocExpress:

- Document organization/storage software with some basic workflow functions
- Electronic filing cabinet
- Used on every DOT construction contract


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CONTRACTS

DOCUMENTS

DASHBOARD

NOTIFICATIONS

HELP

Contracts / 85-0354-183 / Shop Drawings

Search for documents

Search

Shop Drawings

85-0354-183 - Jefferson - IM-035-4(183)112--13-85 & (182), (184), (185), (226) - FHWA 700825 & 049231 - Bri...

Submit Document

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Erection Plan

Detail plans for falsework or centering support of steel structures (i.e. erection plans)

update

Submitted

Minnowa Construction Inc.

Transition

Actions

13 comments 10 supporting documents

May 03 2018

10:47 AM EDT

Commented

Spreader Beam Calcs

Spreader Beam Calculation Index

Minnowa Construction Inc. - Jeremy Brill

1460 Structural Steel Traffic Railing Shop Drawings

Steel Structures

Amend and Resubmit

Minnowa Construction Inc.

Resubmit

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6 comments 4 supporting documents

Apr 16 2018

01:37 PM EDT

Amend And Resubmit

16-0045_For_Construction_Set-ParsonsReview_04162018.pdf

Inner_Sleeve_Dimensions.pdf

See last page of attached PDF dated 4/16/2018 for comment regarding S2 splice inner sleeve. PDF showing necessary inner sleeve dimensions has also been provided. Also refer to comments made and PDF uploaded on 9/8/2017 with regard to S2 splice.

Document transitioned from Submitted to Amend and Resubmit.

Parsons - Chicago - Patrick Kerins

Disc Bearing Assemblies Shop Drawings Part 2

Steel Structures

update

No Exceptions Taken

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3 comments 3 supporting documents

Sep 08 2017

10:57 AM EDT

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Viewer has no issue's with the welding as noted.

Iowa DOT - Fred Burkart

(183) Story 616 - Veritas Steel Shop Drawings for Final Approval

IM-35-4(183)112--13-85

Steel Structures

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Submitted

Veritas Steel LLC

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DocExpress

Design Team use of DocExpress:

- DocExpress is primary means of handling Shop Drawing workflow.
- DocExpress user setup:
 - Initiate user account (DOT)
 - Assign access permissions (DOT)
 - Finalize account setup (user)
 - Set Submittal Notifications (user)
- DocExpress user guides:
 - Cookbook:
https://iowadot.gov/construction_materials/inspection_tools/Guides%20-%20References/DOT-Cookbook-DocExpress.pdf
 - User Guide:
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DocExpress

Strengths and Limitations of DocExpress:

STRENGTHS:

- Good at managing mass quantities of basic, repetitive submittals
- Good workflow for “linear” review process
- Contract-Level organization

LIMITATIONS:

- Not optimal as a communication tool
- Not optimal for complex submittals that require open dialog
- Workflow not effective for “multi-lateral” review process
- Lacks clear Project-Level and Design-Level organization

Construction Submittals – Best Practices

Use DocExpress for:

- Shop drawings and simple process submittals on typical projects

Do not use DocExpress for:

- Requests for Information (RFI's)
- Construction submittals that require multi-disciplinary review
- Construction submittals with complex review hierarchy
- Very large or complex projects with extensive submittal demand

Where DocExpress is not optimized for workflow, consider:

- Externally managed workflow (submittal coordination team)
- Project /workflow management software (e-Builder, etc.)



Recurring Issues

Recurring Construction Issues

Some recurring themes may initiate additional design work:

- Project Scope Change
- Construction Errors
- Design Problems

Depending on the nature of the issue, additional work may be:

- Owner responsibility
- Contractor responsibility
- Designer responsibility

Recurring Issues – Scope Changes

Some scope changes that may require design modification:

- Re-concept of work
Ex: change deck overlay to deck replacement
- Change of site conditions
Ex: unanticipated flooding
- Unexpected subsurface conditions
Ex: rock not encountered at expected depth
- Unforeseen constructability limitations
Ex: construction equipment access problems
- Acceleration or re-phasing of project schedule
Ex: schedule recovery for delayed project

Recurring Issues – Construction Errors

Some construction errors that may require design resolution:

- Survey Errors
Ex: incorrect substructure location
- Geometry Errors
Ex: beam seat elevations, column out of plumb
- Fabrication Errors
Ex: steel fabrication errors, prestressed beam camber
- Material Quality Issues
Ex: low concrete strength
- Workmanship Issues
Ex: poor concrete finish
- Physical Damage
Ex: construction equipment impact

Recurring Issues – Design Problems

Some design problems that may require re-design effort:

- Error in design quantities
Ex: under-reported reinforcing steel quantity
- Error in design geometry
Ex: mirrored beam seat elevations
- Misjudgment of detail constructability
Ex: reinforcing steel conflicts
- Misinterpretation or Miscommunication of design intent
Ex: ambiguous or missing plan notes
- Significant errors or omissions
Uncommon (let's keep it that way)





















QUESTIONS??

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